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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT) BILATERALS

WITH UK, FRANCE, AND GERMANY

Classified By: Amb. Marguerita Ragsdale. 1.5 (b) and (d).

11. (C) Summary: Ambassador Susan Burk, Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation met with key Nuclear Nonproliferat

14. (C) Amb. Burk said the U.S. wanted to see the RevCon reaffirm Parties' support for the Treaty and indicated that specific U.S. objectives f

15. (C) UK Director of Defence and Strategic Threats Simon Manley replied that the UK agrees that the RevCon is only a step in a process but th

16. (C) Manley suggested that recent developments have put the NAM "off balance" on disarmament but that the nuclear-weapon states need to disc

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17. (C) Manley and Nick Lowe (Head, Nuclear Issues Section, FCO Counter-Proliferation Department) agreed with the U.S. focus on addressing non-

18. (C) Burk expressed concern about the NAM argument that Western states are trying to change the Treaty by arguing for universal adherence to

19. (C) Carter said that efforts on multilateral fuel cycle arrangements need to get beyond have/have not tensions. Manley added that mistrust

110. (C) Both sides acknowledged how difficult the Middle East aspect of the NPT is, with Burk saying that it needs to be considered in the cor

111. (C) Turning to NPT diplomacy and process, Jon Noble (Head, Counter-Proliferation and Security Cooperation, MOD) suggested that modifying t

112. (C) Later Burk met with FCO Minister of State Ivan Lewis, who reiterated UK NPT priorities, alluded to UK-French differences on disarmamer

FRANCE

113. (C) Gerard Araud (MFA Political Director) opened the session and stayed for 45 minutes of the nearly half-day of meetings. He began by not

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114. (C) For France's part, Araud said that President Sarkozy's March 2008 nuclear policy speech contained concrete proposals on disarmament. (

115. (C) Burk replied that the United States has no illusions that disarmament will be easy or rapid, particularly if other states are building

116. (C) Jacques Audibert (MFA Director for Strategic Affairs, Security, and Disarmament) assured Burk that he is "not nervous" but, referring

117. (C) Briens argued that Iran is the most serious problem for the NPT, and France was the only Party that mentioned it explicitly in its ger

118. (C) The French were particularly harsh about Egypt's NPT behavior. Araud called its attitude "unacceptable," and Briens called the Egyptis

119. (C) Regarding the peaceful use of nuclear energy, Briens suggested that we should try to get agreement at the RevCon at least on the conce

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120. (C) Discussion then turned to NPT diplomacy. Both sides agreed on the essential need for close P-5 cooperation and for working to persuade

GERMANY

121. (C) Peter Gottwald (Commissioner of the Federal Government for Arms Control and Disarmament) said that Germany agrees with the U.S. RevCon

122. (C) Gottwald continued that NAM states also suspect that proposals for multilateral fuel-cycle arrangements may not be fair, though many c

123. (C) In response to his question, Burk assured Gottwald that the U.S.-proposed Nuclear Security Summit is not in competition with the NPT F

124. (C) Burk stated that it is important that the RevCon take a positive approach to the Additional Protocol, but Gottwald said that it would

125. (C) Stefan Kordasch (Deputy Head of Division, Nuclear Arms Control and Non-Proliferation) expressed concern that Egypt will be aggressive

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126. (C) Burk also met with Deputy Foreign Policy Advisor Rolf Nikel (Chancellery), who said he could endorse nearly everything in President O

127. (C) In response to Nikel's question about proposals for multilateral fuel-cycle arrangements, Burk pointed out that we need to do a better

128. (C) The last meeting was with Christian Democratic Bundestag member Eckart von Klaeden and staffers from all the major German political ps